Remarks

Claims 6-15 were pending in the application. Claims 8-14 were rejected. Claims 8, 9, and 14 were objected to. Claims 6, 7, and 15 were allowed. Claims 8-14 are cancelled without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter recited therein. Claims 6, 7, and 15 are now pending. Claim 15 is the independent claim. Reconsideration in view of the amended application is respectfully requested.

The examiner required a substitute specification in proper idiomatic English. Such a substitute specification is provided herewith. The substitute specification includes no new matter.

The examiner objected to claims 8, 9, and 14 because of certain noted informalities. Claims 8, 9, and 14 are canceled.

The examiner rejected claims 8-14 under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Taricco. Claims 8-14 are canceled.

Only allowed claims 6, 7, and 15 remian pending in the application. It is therefore requested that the Amendment be entered and the case passed to issue.

Respectfully submitted,

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